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FROM: David M. Wham, Reclamation Hydrologist 

RE: Site Inspection, Western Clay Company, Redmond Limestone Quarry, M/041/004, Sevier County, Utah

Frank Jensen and I were accompanied by Tom Chivers, General Manager, Western Clay Company, on an inspection of the above referenced mine site on October 8, 1987.

The mine site was in a clean and orderly condition. No environmental concerns were noted onsite. The extent of disturbed area did not appear to exceed the twenty-eight-acre limit of the approved Notice of Intention. However, it was difficult to estimate the disturbed acreage as the operator has failed to provide the Division with an annual report or an updated project map. When I brought up the subject of annual reports, Mr. Chivers assured me that the company had contracted Slim Garrick, a private engineering consultant, to perform survey and mapping work this fall. I indicated that I would forward a copy of the revised Annual Report Form for his use.

Mr. Chivers showed us several test plots which were located apart from the main mine on fee land. He referred to this area as the Neilson property and indicated that the pit was no longer used for mining due to the poor grade of the rock. After some discussion, Mr. Chivers indicated that this smaller pit could be a possible candidate for concurrent reclamation, but that he would have to defer to the landowner's wishes in that regard.

I recommend following up our inspection with a letter requesting an updated project map and Annual Report. The Division should also pursue reclamation of the Neilson pit.

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